Ray's Brother Charged

John Ray, the brother of James Earl Ray, has been charged with trespassing and assault after he walked into a residence here and a fight ensued, authorities said.

John Ray was charged with trespassing and assault with intent to do great bodily harm in warrants issued Tuesday by the circuit attorney's office.

Authorities gave the following account of John Ray's arrest:

Ray, 45, who gave an address in the 3500 block of Halliday Avenue, walked into the unlocked house of Jesse Evans, 29, of 2853A Pestalozzi Street, about 8 p.m. Monday.

Authorities believe Ray was looking for the nearby house of a woman friend — that he had no criminal intent when he entered Evans' home. Evans began fighting with Ray.

Police were called and Evans' friend, John Lonsway, 37, obtained a shotgun and Ray fled from the house.

Ray was arrested a short time later.

on, the teller gave him $4,900 and he ran out of the bank, authorities said.

About $100,000 worth of antiques, furs and other expensive clothing has been recovered by St. Louis police and five persons have been arrested in connection with a "fencing" operation, authorities said.

Booked as fugitives from Frontenac where they are wanted in connection with the Nov. 3 burglary, were Kirk Bradley, 25, of the 800 block of Westgate Avenue, University City; Artie Barber, 22, of the 5200 block of Palm Street; Lamont Washington, 26, of the 4900 block of Fountain Avenue; and Jerry Chambers, 23, of the 2700 block of Howard Street. Eula Lewis, 48, of the 5900 block of Lindell Boulevard was charged with receiving stolen property.

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